GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2212
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AMENDMENT IN MINERAL CONCESSION RULES MCR
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to amend Mineral Concession Rules (MCR) to control the menace of illegal mining in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) and (b): The Central Government has amended the Rule 26 and Rule 27 of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 vide Notification No. G.S.R. 593 (E), dated the 27th July, 2012. The said amendment provides for refusal for renewal of mining leases and cancellation of prospecting licences/ mining leases in case of illegal mining.